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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (ROCKEFELLER, NELSON A.), MY

SUBJ: TRAVEL OF VICE PRESIDENT ROCKEFELLER

REF: (A) STATE 39126 (B) STATE 39082

1. WE ADVISED GOM THAT WHITE HOUSE WOULD ANNOUNCE VICE PRESIDENT'S VISIT TODAY. GOM NOW PLANS TO MAKE ANNOUNCEMENT HERE AT 10:00 P.M. LOCAL TIME WHICH WILL APPROXIMATELY COINCIDE WITH WASH ANNOUNCEMENT.

2. MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS HAS TOLD US GESTURE AT GRAVE OF FORMER PRIME MINISTER RAZAK, AS SUGGESTED REFTEL B, WOULD BE APPRECIATED HERE. RAZAK'S GRAVE LOCATED IN MAUSOLEUM WHICH IS PART OF NATIONAL MOSQUE IN CENTER OF TWON SO SCHEDULE WILL BE EASY TO WORK OUT. NORMAL GESTURE IS SCATTERING OF FLOWERS RATHER THAN WREATH LAYING. FYI, IN PAST HIGH LEVEL VISITORS HAVE OCCASIONALLY PLACED WREATH AT NATIONAL MONUMENT, BUT THIS NOT PRACTICAL GESTURE NOW AS MONOMENT STILL BEING REPAIRED AFTER BEING BADLY DAMAGED BY EXPLOSIVES DURING TERRORIST INCIDENT SEVERAL MONTHS AGO. END FYI.

3. WE RECOMMEND THAT SATURDAY MORING MAR 27, MRS. ROCKEFELLER AND MISS MURPHY VISIT A NEARBY MALAY VILLAGE WHERE VERY GOOD QUALITY BATIK IS BEING MADE. THIS WOULD PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY TO NOT ONLY SEE HIGH
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QUALITY BATIK BUT ALSO TYPICAL MALAY VILLAGE WHERE

RUBBER AND PALM OIL BEING PRODUCED. VISIT WOULD
TAKE MINIMUM OF TWO HOURS. ALTERNATIVELY, TWO LADIES
CAN VISIT ART GALLERIES AND ANTIQUE SHOPS IN CITY.
THEY WILL ALSO FIND NATIONAL MUSEUM INTERESTING BUT
AS SCHEDULE NOW DEVELOPING, WOULD PROBABLY ACCOMPANY
VICE PRESIDENT TO MUSEUM ON AFTERNOON OF SAME DAY.
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